

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 2-7 remain in the application and under consideration. Claims 8 and 9 have been withdrawn in view of the election made by the applicants. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended into independent form with all of the limitations of claim 1. Claim 4 also has been amended into independent form with all of the limitations of claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 2.

Original claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,962,395 to Hagglund.

Claim 1 has been canceled.

Claims 2-5 and 7 were identified as being directed to patentable subject matter. The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowed if amended or rewritten into independent form with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Patentable claim 2 had depended directly from claim 1. Claim 2 has been amended into independent form with all of the limitations of claim 1. As a result, amended claim 2 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 3 and 6 depend from allowable claim 2 and hence should be allowed as well.

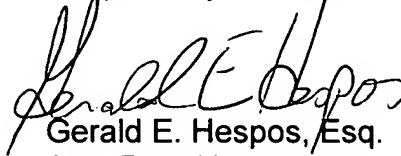
Patentable claim 4 had depended directly from claim 1. Claim 4 has been amended into independent form with all of the limitations of claim 1. Hence, amended claim 4 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 5 and 7 depend from allowable claim 4 and hence should be allowed as well.

Original claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Hagglund considered in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,906,425.

As noted above, claim 6 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 2.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are directed to patentable subject matter, and allowance is solicited. The Examiner is urged to contact applicants attorney at the number below to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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